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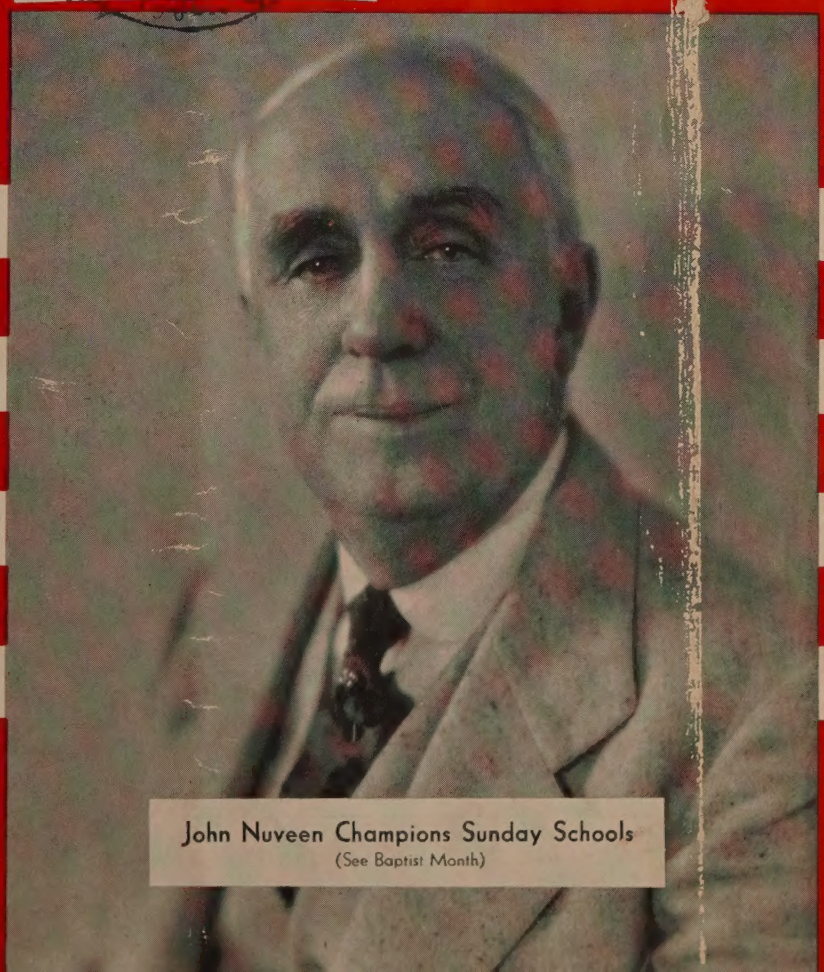

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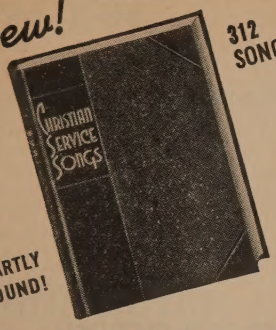

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CONSIDERING ALL THINGS

The Golden Rule Works . . . Literally

THE Golden Rule will work . . . literally works in politics, business, racial relations, religion.

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I did that . . . but while doing it I applied the principles of the Golden Rule in my personal relations with the men. I was determined to be fair and impartial . . . to study each man, and as far as I could, base my treatment of the man on his personal needs and qualifications.

Two men in that battery are in my mind at this moment. One of them was a Baptist preacher. Few in the battery knew that he was a "sky pilot". He was brought into the army like many others. He went to France with us. At home he left a wife and little baby daughter. The loneliness of that man haunted me. He was patriotic . . . and brave. But he was a preacher too . . . and that made a difference . . . a lot of difference.

Without impartiality I applied the Golden Rule in his case. I built up a silent bond of understanding . . . and in every way I could made a place for the preacher-soldier in the full life of the battery . . . in that strange and foreign land.

The war ended . . . we separated. I lost track of the man. Three year passed . . . I was a student-preacher. One day I ran into him in the corridor of a seminary building He grasped my hand and said: "Captain Elliott," for I later was commissioned a captain, "I came to Houston, Texas to the Southern Baptist Convention. I heard you were here . . . hopped on a train and rode this 250 miles to find you and tell you how much I appreciated the way you treated me in France."

Then, there was that other fellow . . . a sorry soldier if there ever was one. He wasn't good for anything much . . . but I could see a redeeming spot here and there. He thought I mis-treated him . . . and threatened to "mash my nose" if he ever caught me in civilian clothes.

The war ended . . . we separated. I lost track of the man. And then one day, leaving a train, the first man I saw was this fellow . . . he saw me, rushed toward me and instead of mashing my nose gave me one of the heartiest greetings I have ever received. When he discovered that I had entered the ministry he just opened up . . . told me his troubles . . . cried a bit. I believe I helped my friend that day.

Many times I have thanked God for the Golden Rule which followed me to France. I believed in it then . . . I believe in it now more than ever.

Oh God! If men and nations would only try the Golden Rule today. "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them." And until next month in this same space,

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Futuregram

Criticism of the Public Relations Committee will be heard on the floor of both the Northern and Southern Conventions.

Critics will say that the committee "fumbled the ball" on the first real play to come before it - the Roosevelt-Vatican deal.

Critics will charge that protests and action of the committee was too mild, and that the committee should have thrown the issue right "into the teeth of the president."

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World Council: The Southern Baptist special committee to pass on proposed entry in World Council of Churches, will recommend unanimously that Southern Baptists stay out.

The report will re-emphasize age-long position of Baptists with reference to entangling alliances.

A minority group advocates entry, but the Convention will be unanimous in its action.

Chairman of the special committee, the Rev. Dr. George W. Truett, refuses to comment, and will until he makes his report in Baltimore.

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Federal Council: Northern Baptists in Atlantic City will hear renewed attack on Federal Council of Churches.

Vigorous effort will be made to delete annual appropriation of Convention funds to the Council.

This action will be based on part played by the Council in the recent Roosevelt-Vatican deal.

There is a possibility that membership in the Council will be cancelled.

Baptist Schools: A revolution is brewing, headed by a powerful and influential group, to force Northern Baptists into a financial campaign for Baptist schools.

Report of the special committee of the Northern Convention will recommend drastic changes in educational set-up.

Report of this committee, and discussion, will probably be main feature of the Convention.

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Evangelism and Home Missions: Southern Baptists are preparing for renewed emphasis on Evangelism and Home Missions.

Work among the Negroes and foreign groups of the South will furnish motive for new Home Mission drive.

Roland Q. Leavell, Evangelism secretary, will outline new and comprehensive program covering entire Southland in greatest Evangelistic drive in the Convention's history.

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1940 Elections: Effort will be made to form "Baptist bloc" and vote solid against presidential candidate who does not refute Roosevelt-Vatican deal.

Solid vote of Baptists with the Protestant groups joining would defeat any candidate.

Religious issue (separation of church and state) will play major part in 1940 election.

In the meantime efforts will be concentrated on Congressmen and representatives to prevent use of government funds for expenses of Myron C. Taylor.

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Rural Paganism: Baptist leadership, facing growing paganism in rural America, will map out program to rehabilitate source of the church's greatest strength.

New strategy of Home Mission boards will be directed toward this end. Salvaging of churches, and program to reclaim loyalty of rural youth to religion, will feature the new strategy.

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Sunday School Advance: Faced with total of 17,000,000 boys and girls not receiving religious instruction of any kind, and hundreds of thousands of church members who do not attend Sunday Schools, The American Baptist Publication Society will attempt a Sunday School Advance program.

Emphasis will be centered on attendance campaigns, use of laymen and women as teachers, and leadership training in the local Baptist Church.

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A MILLION BAPTIST MEN READING BAPTIST PAPERS

This is one of the goals of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood for 1940. Along with the state paper we recommend THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST. It ought to be a MUST journal in every layman's home.

Second London Conference

The inevitability of another London Conference, to provide for Baptist needs in war-worn Europe, is stressed by Dr. Peter Stiansen, delegate to the historic 1920 assembly and professor of church history at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago.

"Baptist churches have already been wiped out in Finland, Poland and Czechoslovakia, and in other countries Baptists are handicapped tremendously. What the Baptist situation on the continent of Europe will be when this world war once comes to an end, nobody is able to predict," he asserted. "But one thing is sure, and that is that a new London Conference must again be held as soon as the war is over."

"Again we as Baptists in America who fortunately have not suffered from this world war will have a new opportunity to manifest our Christian spirit in coming to the assistance of our brethren across the sea, and again we must face the responsibility of letting war-torn Europe have an opportunity to receive a real gospel message.

"The establishment of totalitarian states and the attitude of these states toward Christianity will make it doubly necessary that such help must be given. We may just as well face the truth today that this God-given task of sending the Baptist message once more to Europe is before us as American Baptists.

"It must not be said that we, like the priest and the Levite, pass by our brothers in need. American Baptists must take the lead when that great opportunity is confronting us."

Like Him

I—You must stop worrying; you will get yourself sick.

Myself—But look at the sorrows in the world. Hearts are so hungry for love, and yet love so little.

I—Forget it. You can't have peace carrying the cross.

Myself—Nor without it.

I—You will wear yourself out, and die at the age of only thirty-three.

Arthur B. Rhinow
The Christian Century

CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

By William A. Mueller
Philadelphia, Pa.

FOLLOW—THE WORLD'S GREAT DISTURBER!

READ: LUKE 12:49-53
" 14:25-27

More than once the Church has succumbed to the danger of casting Jesus into the mould of its own pious desires. Hierarchical church systems, intolerant and dictatorial, came into being as the supposed inheritors of Christ's will. Theologians at times unwittingly imprisoned the mystery of Jesus in verbal niceties. Philosophers sought to remove Him from the noisy marketplace to the Olympus of their esoteric reflections. Statesmen dressed him up in a general's uniform, while devout artists and devouter pietists painted a rather effeminate and romantic picture of the Christ. Who amongst us objects to the love of the gentle Saviour, or to the kindly friend of little folk or to the homespun wisdom of the Teacher of parables? But what of the sterner claims of the Master? What of the disturbing challenges of the Lord of lords? Dare we even listen to the World's great Disturber?

Ponder these impassioned words of the Master: "I am come to send fire on earth, and what will I if it be already kindled!" And again: "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay, but rather division!" And again: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." These are startling, disturbing words from the lips of the Prince of Peace. Can we bear them? Jesus disturbs before he gives peace. His life, His words, His cruel death on the cross should unceasingly remind us that all is not well with us. What would happen if these stern words of challenge were made the basis of joining the Church? Jesus never coaxed folk to join His fellowship.

To-day Jesus stands again in our midst to disturb us. We would rather flee from Him than have him rebuke us. But he will not let us alone. He will not leave us in our sins. He continues to trouble us as He troubled the Grand Inquisitor in Dostojewski's famous story. Is there a child in America or in the world whose body is stunted because of our greed? Jesus will not allow us to camouflage our guilt. Are there millions in rich America driven from pillar to post because of our unwillingness to cure our economic ills? Jesus stands in the background of our factories and our luxury ridden homes and harrasses our souls. Does hatred toward Jew or Gentile, toward neighbours or supposed enemies corrode our hearts? Christ lingers on and imperiously says, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of God is at hand!" Are there areas in our personal lives that are outside His grace and authority? Jesus says: "Ye cannot serve two Masters! Give me, my son, thy heart."

Marshal Lyautey of France said some time ago: "If Jesus' ideas had been translated into reality. I do not think **nous autres Français,** we would be in Morroco now, nor the British in India. . . " When Bishop Brent suggested to a business man that the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount ought to be applied in practical affairs he said: "Well, if you do that, you will declare war." Of the early Church it was said, "They that turn the whole world upside down have also come hither." Where Paul preached there was either a riot or a revival, generally both. Jesus demands an absolute allegiance. Dare we follow the World's great Disturber? Dare we become again "fools for Christ's sake"? Are we willing to suffer with Christ and for His truth? "Behold, I send you as sheep in the midst of wolves!" Can Jesus still disturb **you**?

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CHURCH-STATE ISSUE FEATURES MONTH

Pickett Would Scuttle Parties For United Action

Federal Council Passes a Resolution; Protests Pour In To President and Congress

The month finds the Roosevelt-Vatican deal very much at the front in discussion and action throughout the country.

Executive Council of the Federal Council of Churches met January 26th. Representatives from various groups were invited. Northern Baptists sent a large and representative group.

The Council adopted a "Please, Mr. President, Don't Do It Any More", resolution. So weak was the statement that it called for another blast from **The Christian Century.**

North and South, groups of Baptists have adopted resolutions. This action continues unabated.

In a letter to Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, the Rev. Jewel Pickett, Keokuk, Iowa, urges Dr. Newton to lead a movement among Baptists for the scuttling of political lines. He would throw the full strength of American Baptists against candidates who do not disavow action which threatens the principle of the separation of church and state.

Taylor Leaves For Vatican; Weaver Explains and Public Relations Committee Demands Recall of "Ambassador"

In the meantime editors of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST asked for explanation from Dr. Rufus W. Weaver regarding approval of the statement of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches. Did the Baptist representatives who attended the meeting approve the statement? If so, why?

Dr. Weaver replies that he attended as chairman of the general committee of Chaplains . . . did not have a vote . . . made a statement and insisted that sentence referring to controversy be eliminated. Says this paves way for "vigorous" action if events disprove assumptions of the Federal Council as to President's explanation. Dr. Weaver brands criticism of Council statement as "venomous" and that it will "tend to divide and thereby weaken the support that now is so greatly needed in the defense of religious liberty."

Executive Committee Releases Statement

Executive Committee of the Committee on Public Relations also issued a statement as to Vatican's interpretation of the Taylor appointment. This statement was signed by C. M. Gallup, Chas. E. Maddry, E. Hilton Jackson, W. W. Everett, and Rufus W. Weaver. Here is last paragraph of the statement:

The Vatican interpretation holds: "Only a radical change of regime," which seems to mean a revolution in our form of government, would change the status of Mr. Taylor, and he "could remain accredited to the Holy See after Mr. Roosevelt ceased to be President". The Baptists and the other evangelical groups, who protested the appointment of Mr. Taylor, accepted with serious reservations the explanations of the President, and if he does not clarify the situation by a public statement and appropriate action, they will believe that the President is giving only lip service to his proclaimed devotion to the principle of the separation of Church and State. **We believe that the time has come for the President to give instant attention to the recall of Mr. Taylor.**

Thousands Attend Convocations

Attendance at Northern Baptist Convocations continues large. Officials express amazement at the interest in these meetings. Coupled with the Convocation interest and attendance, is the financial report of NBC showing gifts almost up to the 1938-39 level with indications of going beyond the budget of last year. If this is done it will bring large credit to Secretary Earl Adams, in his first year as head of the Council on Finance. Significant too is the fact that this is being accomplished without "extra" goals such as the Judson Fellowship.

Southern Baptists and Home Missions

Strenuous drive in the Home Mission field is being planned by the SBC. Rural areas, and the foreign groups, will get major attention for next few years.

The "Hundred Thousand Club" drive is on, led by Dr. J. E. Dillard. This plan has made possible the payment of large portions of the SBC debt. It calls for $1 per week over and above the regular pledge.

SBC reports large increase in giving in first month of the new fiscal year as compared with last.

Negroes Will Raise $200,000

The National Baptist Convention, Inc., plans a debt paying campaign this year. The sum of $200,000 has been set as the goal. Plans were adopted at Nashville recently, led by Dr. Lacey Kirk Williams, Chicago, president of the convention.

National Convention Plans

Details in connection with the annual meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, May 21-26 and the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, June - , are about complete. Indications are that these conventions will be the largest attended in many years.

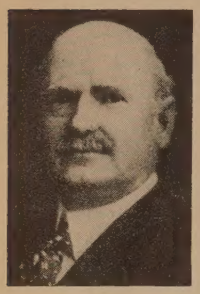
John Nuveen Sr., layman, Baptist, one of Chicago's dozen leading business men, honorary, life president of the American Baptist Publication Society, comes out revival of Sunday School emphasis. He advocates, not only strengthening of the regular church school, but establishment of mission schools in needy areas.

"Unless we bring the Sunday School to the boys and girls, thus bringing salvation, as well as opportunities for a useful and happier Christian life, we fail in our responsibility. We must supplement our Public Schools by Sunday Schools for the reason that those who believe in and are promoting the Parochial Schools (both Catholic and Protestant) declare the Public Schools lacking in religious teaching and, therefore, use this argument in an effort to supplant the Public Schools by Parochial Schools. It is, therefore, not only our Christian, but also our patriotic duty to see that Sunday Schools are available to all boys and girls, thus supplementing our Public Schools.

"Baptists, more than any other Denomination, are responsible for the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which, in effect, prohibits the union of Church and State, and, therefore, we ought to be the foremost in providing Sunday Schools, as well as Public Schools, in those areas that lack the former, thus affording Christian teaching for the boys and girls."

U. S. Baptist Month

NORTHERN BAPTISTS



C. M Gallup

DESPITE the continuous cold weather and some attendant hardships, there has been no diminution of the warm fellowship in the groups which have participated in the series of 100 Convocations planned by the Council on Finance and Promotion. With low temperatures and difficult itineraries by trains, busses and private automobiles, the secretaries and specially drafted leaders have carried on in the west in heroic style. Besides this, the task of arousing fresh enthusiasm in different places by teams satiated with travel and messages already delivered a score of times, presents a picture which should produce a most healthy response from the churches. A cumulative effect already is being felt and will continue until it reaches its peak in the great Convocations in and around New York City, as the tide of simultaneous interest rolls in from the West and from the New England East. The simultaneousness and similarity of these Convocations should produce a better integration of our churches.

Speaking of Integration

Our denomination for 250 years or more was famous for the independence of its units. When this status became outmoded and inefficient, due to the synthetic trends in an expanding world, we came to the cooperative stage; and for more than a generation we have been in that status. But the terrific pressures and confusing problems of recent years, in a frantic society, leave no course open to intelligent and forward-looking Christians but that of greater integration. We need more than adhesion; we need cohesion. Thus may we Baptists and all Christians be integrated.

Nothing will more quickly and solidly integrate Christian forces than the realism of a common objective, intensely desired. For example, witness the quick and almost furious bristling of various Protestant denominations at the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as representative of the President to the Vatican.

Another Project Sure To Integrate Us

When the Federal Council of Churches issued a call for a Conference in Philadelphia, February 27-29, on "The Churches and the International Situation," dozens of ministers, secretaries, and lay-leaders leaped at the thought of attending this conference. But since the delegation is to be limited for these first sessions, the number allotted to Northern Baptists is 15. The sponsor of our Convention, is President J. H. Franklin, who is chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Goodwill for the Federal Council. The General Council of our Convention unanimously accepted the invitation to participate, and authorized President Fridell to appoint the delegates. This he did in part, and the list was completed by the Executive Committee. It represents various parts of the country and various shades of opinion, and is as follows: Mrs. W. S. Abernethy, Washington, D. C.; Sec'y R. A. Ashworth, National Council of Christians and Jews, New York; Pres. A. C. Baldwin, Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, Philadelphia; Sec'y J. W. Decker, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, New York; Pres. E. A. Fridell, Northern Baptist Convention, Berkeley, Calif.; Prof. D. L. Jamison, Eastern Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sec'y C. M. Gallup, Northern Baptist Convention, New York; Mrs. O. R. Judd, Pres. Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, New York; Sec'y W. O. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance, New York; Dr. W. B. Lipphard, Editor, "Missions", New York; Dr. Dan Poling, Pastor Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Penn.; Prof. Gordon First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Poteat, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Penn.; Dr. I. M. Rose, Pastor Mrs. Charles H. Sears, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, New York; Sec'y R. W. Weaver, District of Columbia Baptist Convention; and as alternates Rev. H. N. Geistweit, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. A. H. Haslam, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. N. L. Tibbetts, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. E. B. Willingham, Huntington, W. Va.; all pastors.

Integration At the Heart

The Northern Baptist Convention as a corporate entity can be little more than a cob-web or a skeleton unless it has vital tasks to perform and creative energies to set in motion. The General Council has grown, year by year, in capacity to consider large objectives, set up the technique to attain them, and appoint the workers to effect that attainment. The Council took a very important forward step when it implemented this process by appointing and regulating a small Executive Committee to consider the items to come before the Council, to eliminate matters unnecessary to consider, and, above all, to dig into the problems of the Convention on its own initiative, in meetings held more frequently than those of the Council. The problems of the denomination are more in number and more comprehensive in scope than those of the cooperating and affiliating societies, all of which latter are included. The heart of the denomination must be kept sound and strong; and the Executive Committee has set itself the task of promoting integration in this respect. The members of the Executive Committee at present are; President Fridell, Treasurer Manson, Secretary Gallup; Dr. C. W. Atwater, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dean Glenn B. Ewell, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. E. A. Love, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; and Dr. I. M. Rose, Philadelphia, Pa.

RURAL PAGANISM

Chicago, Illinois—"Thirteen million farm young people of America are growing up in a religiously barren environment. The country, where once the church was strongest, is becoming the place where it is weakest, thus threatening the spiritual welfare of the nation. The remedy is to enrich rural life culturally and economically, giving the church a chance to renew its commanding hold on half the population of the United States," declares Thomas Alfred Tripp, director of rural work of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

"Poverty, mobility and isolation of the rural masses have alienated millions from the churches, particularly from the rational religious bodies. These denominations are not properly evangelizing the rural slum-dwellers any more successfully than the people 'across the tracks' in our cities. Rural church strengthening is vital because three fourths of all churches in the United States are in villages of 2,500 population and in open country. The country church is at present being 'plowed under' by the wholesale."

U. S. Baptist Month

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Walter M. Gilmore

Despite zero and sub-zero weather that has prevailed generally throughout the "deep", and, ordinarily, "sunny South" during most of January, Southern Baptists have gotten off to a good start in 1940, financially speaking, surpassing the receipts for Southwide causes by more than $30,000 for January 1939, the total for January 1940 being over $296,000.

Record-Breaking B.T.U. Campaign

Under the direction of Jerry E. Lambdin, Nashville, general secretary of the Baptist Training Union work of the South, and Parks Warnock, chairman of the Atlanta Association, a simultaneous association-wide Training Union enlargement campaign on the largest scale ever attempted before was held January 21-28. More than 300 workers were engaged, 125 of them out of Atlanta, representing eight states. An aggregate of around 2,500 were present each evening in the 37 churches enlisted in the movement. And this in the face of the unprecedented weather conditions in Atlanta since weather records have been kept, 10.3 inches of snow.

The following doggerel dashed off by one of the youngsters fairly presents the situation:

First, the wind blew;
Then it snew.
Then it friz;
Then it thew.
Then the river riz;
Then it was "Gone with the Wind."

(A perfectly natural thing for Atlanta.)

As a result of this campaign, 190 new individual Union organizations were added and 400 new officers and leaders were added to B.T.U. organizations. This was considered a really triumphant achievement in the light of all the difficulties.

Of great significance and value are the series of state-wide conferences now being held for Baptist Training Union officers and leaders by Mr. Lambdin and his staff of workers under the auspices of the Sunday School Board. One such conference will be held in each of the eighteen states and District of Columbia between now and the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baltimore, the Convention City

Dr. Hight C. Moore, Nashville, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the next Convention appointed by the Executive Committee, Dr. W. K. Sisk, Carbondale, Ill., and the writer have just returned from Baltimore, where they went to work out with the local committee the details of the meeting of the Convention there next June 12-16. Mr. Harwood Bagby has been made general chairman of the local committee.

Our committee was delighted with the situation in Baltimore. There will be no trouble in seating the multitudes this time. We may find some difficulty in filling the 17,000 seats in the Fifth Regiment Armory, which will be our meeting place. The hotel and housing facilities are quite ample. Baltimore and surrounding country are replete with places of historic and present interest. Although it is located in an extreme corner of our territory and the time of the Convention has been changed to a month later than its accustomed time, a large attendance is expected. Matters of great moment to the Convention will be considered.

London—The increase in the church membership throughout the world amounts to 339,951, and in the number of scholars to 217,634. These figures are in themselves encouraging, but unhappily advance is not general. Of nearly 340,000 additional members, over 324,000 were added in the United States. Again, the Sunday Schools of the Western Hemisphere report an increase of 235,462; in other words, there is a net loss of nearly 18,000 in other parts of the earth.

The most encouraging features of the church membership returns are (1) an all-round growth in the United States, where the Southern Convention reports an increase of 174,583, the National Conventions of 112,673, and the Northern Convention of 36,899; (2) the recovery in Jamaica, where former losses due to unhappy controversy are now offset by additions amounting to 7,571; and (3) the growth in Congo, where the British field alone reports an advance of 2,628.

In the continent of Europe there is a loss of 6,271. In Sweden the unhappy secessionist movement due to Pentecostalist influence is not yet spent, and it explains a reduction of 5,000. In Britain losses again appear, the set-back being 2,440. Other European countries show on balance a slight advance.

In regard to Sunday Schools, the growth in North America, where substantial gains are recorded by both the Northern and the Southern Conventions, and the recovery in Jamaica of over 10,000 scholars, are heartening features. The most disturbing figures are those for Europe and Australia. The British Union reports a reduction of slightly over 10,000, and Sweden, through the secessionist movement already mentioned, has lost about 2,700. The Australian decline of 1,300 is also unfortunate. A net loss of 3,452 in Asia is perhaps largely due to political conditions.

WORLD BAPTIST STRENGTH

The totals reported to the Baptist World Alliance up to the close of 1939 are the following:—

	Church Members	Sunday Scholars
EUROPE (excluding Russia)	660,881	508,633
ASIA	479,174	210,635
AFRICA	118,330	46,540
AMERICA:		
North	10,931,936	7,155,960
Central & West Indies	74,099	66,312
South	62,978	58,015
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	40,716	47,789
Totals (excluding Russia)	12,368,114	8,093,884

THE NINE HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPS

By STANLEY IRVING STUBER

Herbert Hoover, speaking in behalf of the Finnish Relief Fund the other day, said that there are now nine, instead of four, Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The original four are referred to in the book of **Revelation;** the other five are found in the current book, **International Life.** Imperialism, intolerance, statism, atheism and hate, the former President said, have now joined war, death, famine and pestilence in scourging the world. Mr. Hoover warns this nation against getting engulfed in the wake of the Nine Horsemen. He would have us remain free and calm and strong, that we may be in a position to give succor to the innocent victims. America may be God's chosen instrument to lead the world back to peace and brotherhood after the Nine Horsemen have done their horrible work.

Imperialism is the destroyer of the independence of nations. But it does much more harm than that. It develops the very causes in which are bred pride, power-politics, slavery, hatred, suspicion, rebellion and finally war. Who can deny that imperialism in the Far East is largely to blame for the war which is now being waged in China?[1] In India, Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea, the spirit of imperialism has sown bitter seeds. The Treaty of Versailles was framed by nations who had taught the world the lessons of imperialism. Many unbiased observers believe that the present European war is not one in which good is fighting evil — liberty against slavery — but a struggle between two bad systems, imperialism against dictatorship. We do not have to look very far, or probe very deep, to realize the truth of this observation. What is Great Britain fighting for? To maintain imperialism? These are questions which cause division among the nations of the world?

"Imperialism, the destroyer of the independence of nations."

[1]The Christian Alternative to World Chaos, by Luman J. Shafer.

Intolerance is the destroyer of minorities. But intolerance begins its diabolical work far back of the minorities. It begins in the hearts and minds of innocent people. It even dresses up in ecclesiastical robes, quotes Scripture, preaches sermons, faithfully attends church. Sometimes it calls itself the "Christian Front." Claiming to defend the Constitution, knowing no other doctrine except "Americanism," intolerance slaps the liberal minded, spits upon the peacemaker, and strikes down the Jews. Henry S. Leiper says, "We are witnessing one of the greatest periods of persecution the Church has ever known." We do not yet half appreciate the truth of this statement. This may be due to the fact that we are all more or less guilty of harboring intolerance. It may be intolerance against the black people, or the yellow race, or "foreigners." We may not be able to think straight when we deal with Catholi or Jews. Even the North-and-South issue may cause us go morally blind. Denominational narrowness, religious bi otry, class pride are known among the best of people. The is no need to call names. Nevertheless we must realize th the Bill of Rights is not for any one sect, color or clas but for all people. Freedom of speech, freedom of the pres freedom of assembly, freedom of religious belief, are f minorities as well as for the great majorities.

"Intolerance, the destroyer of minorities."

Statism, totalitarianism, nationalism are different nam for the same thing. They all destroy personal liber Fascism, Naziism, Communism all are controlled by dictato who detest the principles of liberty and the rights of the i dividual conscience. In statism the dictator alone does th "thinking". He is the co science of the people. Person opinion, truth, treaties, even th Church, are forced to bow in submission before these mod ern Caesars. If they will not worship Caesar, then it is fo them prison or the concentration camp. The experience of those who have resisted in Hitler's Germany is too we known to demand repetition here. And now that war is fa on its way in Europe, cases of persecution of conscientiou objectors are appearing in Franace and England. Appar ently the Allies are becoming totalitarian governments. Lik Lloyd George in the former World War, those who figh against dictatorship tend to become dictators themselve Thought is muzzled, truth is suppressed, books are burne One editor has put it this way: "There's no use fooling our selves. When we take up arms for an ideal we inevitabl surrender it to become the very thing we fight. We figh against totalitarian government, then become totalitarian gov ernment; we fight against the right to rule by force, but w assert that same right; we fight for justice and against in justice, but we surrender to unrighteousness. Our enemie become our spiritual masters and impose upon us the philoso phy and the spirit we hate."

"Statism, the destroyer of personal liberty."

Atheism, naturally, destroys faith. It destroys not only faith in God, but also faith in one's fellowmen and faith i one's own self. It leaves neither confidence nor hope. The universe becomes a vast ma chine without any maker, and man is only one little cog i that machine which cares not and is void of all feeling. Na tions, like Russia, which have adopted the creed of atheism are bearing rotten fruit. Can they be proud of their achieve ments? Look at the manhood of Russia, the leaders o Germany, the militarists of Japan! The denial of a God o love, of a God who cares and saves and has a great purpos

"Atheism, the destroyer of faith."

Imperialism. 2. Intolerance. 3. Statism. 4. Atheism. 5. Hate.

The Conqueror. 7. War. 8. Famine. 9. Death (Hell).

his children, is not building a civilization in which citi-ns love their fellowmen, in which there is brotherhood, operation and peace. No one, in his right senses, would that atheism is man's benefactor. Quite the opposite is case. **Where there is no vision of God the people perish!** tions which deny God go morally bankrupt. Leaders who blind to God are blind to all good and can lead in only direction and that is toward the Pit.

Hatred rides high these days. It is now sold upon the ernational market as a commodity. Today when we speak propaganda we take for granted that it is false. States-n compete with one another in what is now well known a "battle of nerves," using millions of bitter, biting words with which to slay each other. The common people of a nation are allowed to hear only one e of the story, the side which will stir up hatred against enemy. And enemies are created, made to order, out of clear sky well in advance. Dictators live on hatred; they intain their power by deliberately manufacturing ani-sities. **"Hate furroweth the brow and a man may frown he hateth."** People may learn to hate, without knowing at the hatred is all about. A good example of this is nd in the Russian soldiers who have been captured in land. Yet hatred leads to death: death of the soul and en death of the body. Hate dries up the source of human dness and leaves one utterly miserably, not only at war th his neighbor but at war with himself. Christ came into world to convert hate into love. He has been at work w for nearly two thousand years. His work has, relatively, ly just begun.

Hate, the destroyer of e unity of mankind."

On the white horse rides the conqueror. His one object to conquer and to destroy. His conception of victory is nihilation. He has no constructive plans. He sees no great vision. Blood is in his eyes. As he drives his white charger forward he slashes right d left with the sword. He loves death; he makes history extermination. But even the Conqueror is not immortal d his day will come and he shall be no more.

e Conqueror, e annihilator.

On the fiery red horse rides War. War, that brute who s no heart; that beast who has no humane feelings. The devil has no better friend than war, for war must be waged on a battlefield of blasted hopes d debased thoughts. As one of our greatest of modern eachers has said: "Ah, war! I hate you most of all for is — that you lay your hands upon the loveliest things human life, that rightly used would make a heaven on earth, and you use them to make a hell on earth here today. You take our courage and instead of letting it be a benediction to the world, you use it to bomb cities, and sack cathedrals, and slay men. You take our loyalty by which the earth might be redeemed, and you harness it to an enterprise that inevitably means the rape of women, and the slaughter of children, and the starvation of whole populations. You take our religion, and to help your deadly work you rend our God into pieces, and make him tribal deities before whom men pray, as old barbarians before our Lord prayed to their idols as the gods of war. You take our science, the fruit of our dedicated intelligence, and you make of that an effective implement of hatred."

'ar, the destroyer of ind, Soul and Body.

On the gray horse, the color of ashes, rides Famine. This is the rider best known to Herbert Hoover. In China, in Belgium, in Germany, in Russia, and now in Finland, Mr. Hoover has done his best to off-set its terrible work. Famine — we have read about it in **The Good Earth, Reaching For the Stars, Gone With the Wind, Ararat, The Grapes of Wrath.** Sometimes it follows a war; at other times it is the result of economic maladjustment, selfishness in high places, a narrow nationalism. But whenever and wherever it strikes it does the same damage: it strips bear farms, mines, forests and factories; it creates a generation of deformed young people; it takes away all security; it writes a long story of hunger, terror, unemployment, desertion, pain, starvation and death Revolution does the "mopping up." Famine takes a dreadful toll but it will be cheated of the final victory.

Famine, the result of economic maladjustment.

Finally, on a black horse, comes the last of the riders, Death itself. And Death has as its companion, Hell. Now death is one of the most common and most natural phenomena of this world. The point is not that we all die, but **how** we die. Do we die with hope and courage, with a promise ringing in our hearts, or do we die as victims, as slaves, as beasts. **How** we die makes all the difference in the world. The picture here in the book of **Revelation** is that of terrible and sudden death. It leaves no place for courage and hope. It grants nature no opportunity to prepare us for dying. It makes no distinctions; it wipes out young and old, the weak and the stong, soldiers and civilians. It is the kind of death showered down from the skies, as an aviator flies low over a defenseless village. The writer on the Isle of Patmos knew what death by persecution meant, he knew that Death was a hard rider, yet God gave him the vision to see Death itself a victim at the foot of the throne of Him who gives Life.

Death, the way of Hell.

Are Laymen Losing Interest In Missions? If So, What Can Be Done To Revive It?

W. C. Coleman

WICHITA, KAN.; President, The Coleman Lamp and Stove Company, and former president of the Northern Baptist Convention,

answers:

The layman is not losing interest in missions except when he knows little about missions or has a misconception as to what the missionary enterprise really is.

Many men of my acquaintance seem to have the idea that the foreign missionary enterprise is rapidly losing out. They hear about the destruction of our Christian colleges and mission stations in China and get the idea that all the money that has been spent in this field has been wasted and that it is useless to "follow through" with any additional help. They forget that when the Lord Jesus started his work to win the world, he risked the entire venture upon what he had placed in the minds and hearts of His disciples —not on organizations and buildings.

The best way to revive missionary interest among the men of our churches is to get the real facts before them. They must understand that the Christian church in China and other fields has not been destroyed but even now there is a great body of Christian believers in those countries, the fruitage of the missionary enterprise, carrying on with a new devotion and effectiveness under the tremendous handicaps imposed. A few dollars spent now on conservation means rich harvests in the near future.

While we must carry on the local church, we can readily show men that for the amount of money expended, the missionary dollar is far more productive in winning people to Christ than the dollar expended in keeping up the work of our own local church. In the local church we seem to grow by addition—in mission work the increase is by the law of multiplication.

In the missionary enterprise we invest our money more largely in leadership, which develops and trains large numbers of local or native workers. Our mission churches rapidly become self supporting. The results soon mount up into almost unbelievable figures for the actual amount which we invest. Men are usually attracted by good investments. They will be more greatly interested when they understand what a remarkable investment the missionary dollar really is in bringing the Kingdom of our Lord to this earth.

It is frequently stated that laymen are losing interest in Missions. Seeking a cross-section opinion on this The United States Baptist sent to leading laymen located in different areas of the country the following questions:

1.—Are laymen losing interest in Missions?

2.—If so, what can be done to revive it?

Answers received are published herewith.

Senator George

GEORGIA BAPTIST; Chairman Committee on Public Relations and Elections,

answers:

Replying to your letter permit me to say that I do not think Baptist laymen are losing interest in Missions except as laymen may be losing interest generally in church affairs. Wherever the interest of the church is strong I think you will find the layman equally interested in Missions.

Fred S. Sorrenson

NORMAL, ILL.; Associate Professor of Speech, Illinois State Normal College,

answers:

In my opinion, laymen are not losing interest in missions. But as life becomes more complex, men are called upon to spend their money for a greater variety of things. This results at times in less of their income going to missions.

Since the missionary program of the church is suffering, I believe that spiritual emphasis should be reinforced by other important types of emphasis.

Evidently the cause of international peace is being advanced in a splendid way by missionaries. Missions should be supported, if for no other reason, because of the contribution which they make to international good will. Furthermore, the world can be made safe for democracy far better by missionaries,

FRED SORRENSON

than by armaments. Scientific studies in the field of social relationships reveal that Christian standards provide best for human welfare and happiness. Since international law is in the process of development, missionaries aid greatly in helping international relationships to evolve along lines which are in harmony with the Christian way of living. Christianity itself is being attacked so fiercely in some parts of the world that laymen must arouse themselves and help abroad as well as at home if the church is to enjoy the triumph which it deserves. The laymen of today who have taken time to sense in large measure the significance and application of Christianity, are greatly interested in missions.

William B. Frank

DALLAS, TEXAS; Secretary of the Austin Bridge Company,

answers:

By interest in any particular phase of religious work we are accustomed to thinking in terms of financial contributions. When judged by this indication, it is doubtless true that the layman's interest in missions is lagging as compared with the prosperous decade of 1920-1930, but, since the measure of the gift must take into account the ability of the giver,

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WANTED! STOP WAR IDEA

Immortality For She Who Can Find It

Women Are Thinking Hard To Find Solution To This Greatest Problem of All

By MABELLE RAE LE GRAND

Mabelle Rae LeGrand

The fifteenth annual meeting of the National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War met in Washington, D. C. in January and was presided over by Miss Josephine Schain of New York City. She said, "We must work out a positive program for peace, and that as a nation we have been too content merely to say we want peace, without going through the difficult process of thinking out concrete means of reaching our goal." Then she quoted from William Allen Neilson the following: "Perhaps more than at any time in the history of the world, the future of society depends on people who can use their minds for all they are worth." Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt told 1,000 women at the banquet that "Sometime, somewhere, somehow, somebody in our age will have an idea that will strike at the heart of the war institution. It may be a very simple idea. Have any of you sat quietly in a corner to think of an idea that will stab at war? Next fall in New York we shall have a conference on 100 years of Women's progress. One section will be devoted to women and war. Send your idea there. The reward?—Immortality."

Teachers in church schools, and Bible students will do well to look into the two volumes on "The Acts of the Apostles" (1939) by Halford E. Luccock. They are full of good thinking, illustrative material, new facts of interpretation for our day—and easy to read.

Are you familiar with "The Secret Place," the devotional booklet of the Northern Baptist Convention? It is especially designed for families with children but very readable for all ages.

Humility

There was a time when faith began to slip,
When I had lost all that I had to lose—
Or so it seemed to me—I lost home,
My job—
I had not house, no food, no shoes.

Then, suddenly, I felt myself ashamed,
For I, who talked of shoes,
Then chanced to meet
Upon the busy highway of my life,
A man
Who had no feet.

—Marcella Hooe.

—Sunshine

"The Centurion" is a remarkable new book in poetry form by Edwin McNeill Poteat "that tells the story of Marcus, Centurion in Caesar's Fifth Legion, who refused to carry out the order for the execution of Christ and redeemed his own life on another cross."

Have you read "The Rebirth of Venkata Reddi" an amazing story of India today, by Pearl Don Longley, a missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society to South India for thirty years.

Of all the women being graduated from colleges today, those trained in Home Economics have the best opportunities for jobs, according to a vocational specialist. The reason for this is that Home Economics is special training in a kind of work for which there is little competition from men.

"Believe it or not," the Italians of long ago, according to a newspaper item served pork sausage with pineapple. This is the way to do it. Make one pound of sausage into cakes and fry them. Saute six slices of pineapple in three tablespoons of olive oil until very brown. Sprinkle with one tablespoon of Permesan cheese and serve sausage on top of the pineapple—all very hot. Suppose modern women try it with grated American cheese (sharp) and vegetable oil for sautéing.

"Beauty is not a gift—it is a habit," says a beauty specialist. Think you 'tis true?

The National Retail Dry Goods Association in its twenty-ninth annual convention in New York admitted it was "customer conscious" and entertained "Mrs. Typical Customer—1940" in the person of Mrs. Roy Fleming, thirty-three year old housewife of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Perhaps local merchants might save themselves from an accumulation of unsalable goods if they considered a bit more seriously the "Typical Customers" of their towns.

Recently the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy read in the report handed to them the following statements: 10,000 mothers die of childbirth every year, 75,000 babies are born dead, 120,000 infants die in their first year. About 18,000,000 children under 16 are in families too poor "to maintain a decent American standard of living." Some 36,000,000 adults quit school in the elementary grades. An estimated 50% of the children of the United States have no formal religious training. What would YOU do about these facts?

Emily Post in a recent newspaper magazine makes the following very valuable observation. How much do you agree with her?

"To set the table with a soiled cloth, to stand the milk bottle on the table, adding rings to spots, to have to use a dirty napkin, to see a dirty bib put around a child's neck, even to leave bread in its wrapping, cereal in its container, is to create a destroying influence against which good manners collapse. Sensitive perception of beauty is not a question of money so much as of taste. Sit at a plain pine table scrubbed clean. Wash out the bibs, even if they are left rough-dried—or use oilcloth ones that wipe off clean. Take a moment to put the milk in a pitcher and stand it on a plate. But don't willfully bring children up without a sense of beauty. In some strange inexplicable way, lack of perception is crippling to morals."

WHAT DO BAPTISTS NEED?

A Compelling Sense of Mission, Is Answer

We Have Lost It To a Large Measure, Dr. De Mott Says In This Article

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In searching for an answer to the question "What Do Baptists Need Most of All?" we must delve beneath the level of mechanics and organization. That is not to say that development of the most effective means of carrying forward our work should be neglected, nor is to say that this is unimportant, nor that we have a perfect instrument in our present organizational set-up. Rather, it is to suggest that we are not now making the best use possible of the tools which we possess.

We can move forward without a single change in our present machinery. We cannot move forward without supplying it with more power. It is the source of that power which should concern us most. And it should **concern** us.

In the matter of motivation the most fundamental need of Baptists today is a **sense of mission.** We have lost a large measure of this vital element in our denominational life. We have suffered this loss, in part, because some among us could not agree with some others as to the details of the basic mission of the church and hence for conscience' sake could not cooperate whole-heartedly in the program of the denomination. We have suffered, on the other hand, from the luke-warmness of those who have envisioned in the newer interdenominationalism a more perfect instrument for Kingdom building.

Service To the Denomination

To these latter we might address a reminder that until the pattern of church life has changed more radically, which change will be welcomed by every Kingdom-concerned Baptist, any slackening of denominational effort is a disservice to the larger interests. There need not be, indeed cannot be, any conflict between intelligent service to one's own denomination and an equally intelligent service to the whole.

There is today in large and increasing areas of the world a challenge which might well unite all American Baptists and give to us that needed sense of mission. That challenge is addressed to those traditional and fundamental convictions of our Baptist heritage—the necessity of a free state, a free church, and a free conscience. Never before in our generation have these postulates been as generally and as seriously attacked as today.

While it is true that we share these convictions with other groups, it is also true that we DO share them. We have at least an equal responsibility for their defense and continued proclamation. We should be leaders and not laggards in the struggle to make these realities and not mere dogmas.

Mission Furnishes Motivation

Therein lies our particular mission in this distressed world. It is a mission vital enough to furnish the much needed motivation for all our work. The pages of history warn us that whenever and wherever these bulwarks of faith and liberty have been successfully assailed religion has languished. Moreover, they are the common man's first line of defense against the forces that would submerge him in hopelessness, fear and despair.

Further, the task is large enough to command all our resources and energy. There are vast social pressures at work in our world which, whether deliberately or accidentally, are tending toward the destruction of these primary safeguards of religion. One need not be a prophet to know that in the years just ahead the pressure will be increased. Out of the storehouse of faith comes the confidence of ultimate victory. Out of our capacity for realistic thinking comes the knowledge that the victory will not be won without continued and cohesive effort.

Must Be Compelling Sense

As this is being written, Northern Baptists are in the midst of a series of Convocations considering the Mission of the Church in a Distressed World, perhaps the most constructive activity in which we have engaged for a long time. May this emphasis be continued in local churches and in homes. May we seriously and humbly seek to find that motivating power for a glorious world advance without which all our searching is in vain.

We have an intricate organization and a far-flung field of service. We have capable leaders and a devoted membership. We hold a faith sufficient for the world's need, the while we live in a world acutely needing that faith. We lack only that one necessary ingredient—**a compelling sense of mission.** If like Esther of old we could convince ourselves that we "have come to the kingdom for such a time as this," or be driven like the disciples of an earlier day by the compulsion to "speak the things which we have seen and heard," we would presently find ourselves, in this day of opportunity as well as of challenge, in the vanguard of a movement that will bring the day of final triumph appreciably nearer.

THE U. S. STANDARD

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST is the new name, at your request. It is the standard source of Baptist information. It should be used widely by Pastors, officers, teachers, Sunday School classes, BYPU groups, Mission Societies, homes. It should be in every library and school. Will you help acquaint these groups and institutions with its value?

Just the Difference

In one of the villages of northern India, a missionary was preaching in a bazaar. As he was closing, a Mohammedan came up to him and said:

"You must admit that we have one thing you have not, and it is better than anything you have."

The missionary asked courteously, "And what is it you have?"

"When we go to Mecca," replied the Mohammedan, "we at least find a coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, which is your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave."

The missionary smiled and said: "That is just the difference. Mohammed is dead. Mohammed is in his coffin. And all false systems of religion and philosophy are in their coffins. But Jesus Christ, whose kingdom is to include all nations and kindreds and tribes, is not here. He is risen. And all power in Heaven and on earth is given to him. He is alive forevermore!"

—Sunday School Times.

AMINE IN THE LAND

The Church Is The Only Refuge In Drouth Area

light of People and Pastor n Many Instances Is lo Credit To Denomination

By MARK RICH

Mark Rich

Some days ago, I stepped into the office of J. B. Kincer, chief, division of climate and crop weather, in the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., and asked him to locate those areas of the Great Plains still suffering from the drought. Without esitating, he swung a lead pencil line rom northwestern Texas and Oklahoma pward through the center of Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, westward leep into Montana, and downward slicng off the portions of Wyoming, Colo-ado and northern New Mexico which lie ast of the mountains. Everyone knows f the droughts of 1934 and 1936 but ew know that the disaster of drought as continued to visit vast areas of this mpire of approximately 400,000 square iles.

Nebraska is particularly unfortunate this year. Custer county, for instance, is barren and the arm of drought extends distressingly close to the Missouri river. Nebraska, which is in the winter wheat belt needs autumn rains. Last September the rainfall was 20 per cent normal. A recent fall of snow, the first appreciable precipation since June, has brought some much needed moisture, and a little hope, but it came too late for the 1940 wheat.

Hard on the Children

I spent several days in the drought states determining the effect of the continued dry weather on our churches. One pastor reports that his people have not had a crop since 1929. Translated in human terms, that means that children 9 years of age in 1929 have grown to be 20 years of age without seeing a fall crop. In other sections the drought was first felt in 1930, 1932 and 1933. Here are sturdy farm people subjected to the terrifying experience of from 6 to 10 years of constant crop failure. It takes no active imagination to know what suffering and heartaches have been endured Houses in disrepair, furniture worn out, curtainless windows, hungry cattle, no money for dentist, doctor, education of children, a sagging morale, a declining population,—these are common results. Another pastor says, "Practically every farm member of the church has lost title to all his property and is deeply in debt to the government for loans for feed and seed. This leaves most people in a permament state of dependence." It is no secret that only government aid in relief, loans and grants has saved large parts of this area from complete demoralization.

Naturally these adverse economic conditions are reflected in the church strength. One would expect to hear of pastorless and weak churches. There are such. Word comes from one state that 132 churches have died in the past 20 years and between 50 and 60 are now pastorless and some of these will no doubt pass out of existence.

Some Churches Thrive On It

What one isn't prepared to learn is that some churches in areas of declining population have had no decline in church attendance and a few churches actually report an increase. Certainly this is evidence that the church is a refuge and a strength in the time of trouble.

Another hopeful development has been the grouping of churches. For instance, in western South Dakota, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wiegand, equipped with a trailer house, are serving eight small churches. A revival of interest and attendance is reported. North Dakota reports similar results in each of two districts where three churches are grouped under one pastor who uses student assistants in the summer.

All indications point toward a declining farm population in the western plains. A combination of wet years and high wheat prices might bring in another era of exploitation of the soils, but dry weather will be recurrent and a wise long-term policy of land use will put much plowed land back into grass and farms will be larger. There may be need for most of the churches now in existence, but it is certain that each church cannot have a full-time pastor. Some such plan as the larger parish, or grouping of churches, appears most feasible. Present experience points in that direction. Thus the pastor's salary is a little larger, his field more extensive and challenging and the people have wider fellowship and more activity and encouragement.

D. D.'s FOR MINISTERS

WM. A. ELLIOTT

DO gird yourself for your task. Glenn Cunningham, the famous mile-runner, is telling the young men to gird themselves with temperance, with discipline, with a clean life, if they are to excel in the field of athletics. There are some things with which a minister must gird himself if he would succeed. My brethren "put on the whole armour" of ministerial equipment if you would be good ministers of the gospel of Christ: dedicated and thoroughly trained minds; love for God and for all men; sympathy which is the exposing of the sensitive side of one's heart to one's fellows; genuineness, sincerity, unselfishness, humbleness of heart; "above all take the shield of faith", clothe yourselves with the power of prayer; merge your will into the divine will—then go forth to conquer.

Such accoutrements are made to fit ministers of every size. Do not go into battle with the enemies of our day, empty handed, when the munitions of spiritual warfare are at your disposal.

DON'T assume that words are substitutes for ideas. In listening to a recent address delivered on a special occasion I was impressed with the array of glittering phrases, and the absence of any gripping ideas.

How easily do we fall victims of fine phrases, and are beguiled with profuse verbage, bereft of ideas. There are times, I reckon, when verbosity has its place (after-dinner speaking when "sound and foam" are in order), but surely not when a minister stands before poor and needy men to speak for God and His Christ.

The Power of the Spirit on Pentecost came as a "mighty, rushing wind", but remember there was no wind. It is ideas that explode, not glittering phrases. The dynamite of truth does its most destructive work when encased in ideas. Only to the thoughtless and superficial are words substitutes for ideas.

With all your getting, get ideas. It is not difficult to clothe great ideas with language; but it is most difficult sometimes to laden language with ideas. How humiliating to have a thoughtful man go from a church service saying, with another:

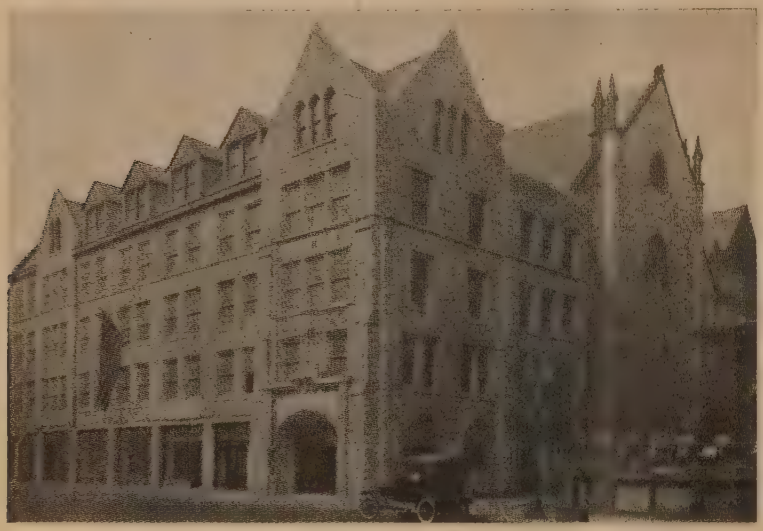
"Zounds! I was never so bethump'd with words
Since I first called my brother's father dad."

CHICAGO'S FAMOUS "BREAD LINE" CHURCH

Immanuel May Be Re-Opened For New Ministry

John Nuveen Leads Movement To Establish Mission Station On Famous Michigan Boulevard

Is historic Immanuel Baptist Church, famous for forty years as the "bread line" Church of Chicago, again to offer a helping hand to residents of the "inner city" and their spiritual needs?



The famous Immanuel building, located at 2320 South Michigan Boulevard, no longer serves as a missionary station, and a place of refuge for homeless men and needy families. The doors of the church auditorium no longer open wide to 1200 members — now scattered to many sections of Chicago, but still retaining membership in the Church, which has not disbanded.

Since the death of Dr. Johnston Myers four years ago the Church group has had no leader, and circumstances forced the congregation to release the property to an Insurance Company — holders of a heavy mortgage on the building.

But, hope has not died in the hearts of those who believe that Immanuel will yet be reclaimed, and that her city-wide mission of love and sympathy will again be extended to those who need it.

John Nuveen Sr. Is Leader

The leader in the movement to re-establish the service of the famous Church is John Nuveen, Sr. Mr. Nuveen was associated with Dr. Johnston Myers during the 40 years of his pastorate. For 20 years Mr. Nuveen was superintendent of the Sunday School, and he is a life deacon of the church. He also served for 20 years as treasurer. From the day it became necessary to halt the service of Immanuel, Mr. Nuveen has insisted that the Church would some day resume her ministry.

"Our idea is to make a laboratory out of Immanuel for the benefit of Seminary and Training School students. Sunday Schools would be established in needy areas near the Church. A comprehensive mission program would be carried on in the Church building. We would serve 2000 men and 300 families in the Y.M.C.A. Hotel nearby, and minister to the larger hotels such as the Stevens, Blackstone, Congress, Auditorium, Harrison and others. Also the employees in the automobile and publishing establishments in the immediate vicinity.

"We are praying that God will send a young man who is willing to make sacrifices and throw himself into this work in the City of Chicago which Roger Babson predicts will be the largest city in the world in 1967. Our responsibility, therefore, does not cease with this generation but we owe it to future generations to see that the "inner city" is not lost to our denomination."

Offer Building For Low Price

"The Immanuel Church property was foreclosed sometime ago and the Church entirely dispossessed to avoid legal complications. The Insurance Company generously, after negotiations for $145,000 and $110,000 all cash, had failed, offered to let the Church re-possess the property for $65,000; $15,000 cash and the remaining $50,000 on a mortgage at 5%. This is an astonishing offer on the property which at present has a rental income of $14,808.00 per annum, and only partially rented at depression prices. The property consists of a large auditorium with a 2-story chapel, and Sunday School rooms in the rear. In addition thereto is a modern, solid concrete, 5-story office building costing $250,000 when built—all on a lot 125x185 feet fronting on Michigan Boulevard, one of the best known avenues in the city.

"If the denomination should finally lose this property, so centrally located, there will be practically no Baptist Church for 13 miles north and south, through the center of the city, and none for 2½ miles west from Lake Michigan. Thus, the very center of the city, viz., the "inner city", with its many blighted areas still inhabited by hundreds of thousands of people who need the Church, and boys and girls who have no access to a Sunday School, Baptist, or otherwise, will be abandoned. No self-sustaining Churches can be established in these areas; they must be helped and subsidized.

"Our Denomination is looking forward with interest to see if the Christian work which Dr. Myers carried on at Immanuel will be resumed and advanced, and that the world-wide reputation which this Church established under his direction will not be lost. This property, before foreclosure, was owned jointly by the Chicago Baptist Association and the Church, and if re-possessed, will again be jointly owned by these two organizations."

On December 14th, members and friends of Immanuel gathered for a dinner. It was the birthday of Dr. Myers, who would have been 80 years old if he had lived until that time. This has been an annual affair since his death 4 years ago. Deacon W. S. Robinson was toastmaster. Rev. Robert Van Meigs, former associate of Dr. Myers, opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. A. M. McDonald, executive Secretary of the Chicago Baptist Associaion; Dr. Chas. W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary, and Rev. Mike Elliott, editor of the United States Baptist, brought greetings. The principal address was given by Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, of Buffalo, New York. It was another demonstration on the part of Immanuel Church of loyalty to Dr. Myers and the institution he served for 40 years.

BILLY'S QUEST

GLORIA YOUNG

Interesting toys were spread all over the floor. Billy looked at them, but his eyes did not lose the dull look of discontent. From Lincoln logs to electric tractor, and way over in the corner to a stack of interesting books, his eyes roamed slowly. After thinking a few minutes, he plunked himself down in the nearest chair.

"What's the matter, Billy?" asked his mother, who came through the room to put some letters out for the postman.

"I want to be happy," he answered.

Mrs. Gillon stopped still in her tracks. "Aren't you happy with all of your toys?" she asked.

"I'm tired of them. I want to feel happy from my toes like I did last week. I don't feel happy anywhere now."

Mrs. Gillon smiled as she turned away. Then she went back to Billy and put her arm around him.

"Billy, let me suggest a 'Quest for Happiness'."

"What's a 'quest'?" he asked, interested.

"It is a hunt. Suppose you start out now on your quest. And, when you have found happiness, come back and tell me how and where you found it."

"Where will I look?" asked the child, rising.

"That's your part of the game. You must decide yourself."

"I choose outside," he decided.

She helped him get on his wraps—snug leather jacket, helmet, mittens—and saw him out the front door.

The snow had fallen during the night, and covered the front yard with its beautiful white blanket. The only thing to mar its beauty was an old brown burlap sack that the dog had playfully pulled to the center of the grounds.

Billy picked his way carefully down the icy steps, and said to himself, "If I wasn't hunting happiness, I'd clean these steps for mother. She might fall." As he passed through the yard, avoiding the slick walk, the ugly brown sack picked up one corner in the breeze, and waved at him.

"Pick me up and take me around to the back, so your mother won't have to wade in the snow," the sack seemed to say.

Meet The Editor of Children's Month

Gloria Young . . . native of Texas . . . daughter of Baptist minister . . . started writing while recuperating from an appendix operation when fifteen years old . . . sold the story to a syndicate . . . at sixteen wrote "Philosophic Paragraphs" for small town newspaper . . . has now had five books and over 300 short stories published. She teaches a Sunday school class . . . works in a news office . . . likes to cook (especially new dishes) . . . likes to ride horseback, swim, and go places in planes. Will endeavor to write stories, poems and thoughts for CHILDREN'S MONTH that will be interesting to the whole family.

Billy turned the other way, and started toward the frozen creek where he could hear his friends skating.

As he approached he noticed Dick Howell standing by the bank. His clothes were even shabbier than usual, and Billy noticed his cold, chafed, gloveless hands. His eyes hungrily followed the skaters as he watched them skimming over the ice.

"Aren't you skating?" asked Dick.

"No. I'm hunting for happiness. I haven't time to skate," answered Billy.

"If I had some skates, I wouldn't have to hunt any further. I've wanted some all my life." He turned sadly away.

Billy looked at the retreating figure and thought of his skates in his bed room closet.

"Hey, wait a minute, Dick," he called. "Since I'm not going to skate, how about using mine?"

Dick's eyes sparkled and his mouth spread in a wide grin.

"Oh, could I really?" he cried.

"Sure. You wait, I'll be right back."

As he ran rome, Billy thought, "This won't take but a minute, and I can still go on the quest later." Then, as he passed through the yard, he yanked up the ugly sack and hurried around to the garage with it. Then he tore into the house for the ice skates and was out again before his mother could question him. On the bottom step he slipped, and took quite a bump.

"Ouch!" he exclaimed. "What if mother had fallen instead of me?" he wondered as he dusted the snow from his knickers and continued on his way.

Dick ran half way to meet him.

"Oh, boy!" he cried as he took the skates. "I'll take good care of them, Billy, and bring them to the house. Or, will you be there?"

"Yes. I'm going to run home and clean the ice from the steps before I go hunting again. Mother might fall while I'm away."

Back he went and got the shovel from the garage. Before he knew it, he was whistling a merry tune.

All of a sudden, just as the last step was cleaned, he dropped the shovel and cried, "Mother! Mother! I've got it!"

"Got what?" asked his surprised mother, as she hurriedly opened the front door.

"Happiness. I found it on the bottom step. All at once I realized I was whistling, and feeling so nice inside, and I knew I'd found happiness long before I expected to. It must have been because I was thinking of you."

"Happiness isn't hard to find if you look for it right. Guess where I found it this very morning?"

"Oh, where?"

"Right in the middle of some cookie dough that I was kneading while I thought of a fine little boy I love. Let's hurry in and see if the oven has browned those cookies just right."

A THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

The greatest economy in the world is the saving of one's friends.

VOICING THE VISION OF N. B. C. YOUTH

"Baptist Youth Fellowship" Evolves at Recent Denison Conference

They Whipped the Problem By Debate and Minute Sifting of All Issues

By MARJORIE HALL

From Boston, from Los Angeles and from many a representative town and hamlet between came 137 men and women, all between 18 and 25 years of age, all leaders in Baptist young people's activities, and all recommended by state denominational leaders. At the foot of the hill on Denison University's campus they came to grips with a big problem set them by the Council on Christian Education of the Northern Baptist Convention, and whipped it.

If their proposal, endorsed the following week by the Council on Christian Education, is approved by 2/3 of the states in the NBC within 1940, the Convention will be well on its way to unification of all its young people's work under one head—the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Its constituency will be all Baptists from 12 to 25. It shall embrace the Baptist Young People's Union, World Wide Guild, Church School, organized college groups, Christian Endeavor, Royal Ambassadors, miscellaneous groups functioning within the local church, and unorganized young people of the local church.

Promote Within the States

It is emphatic in insisting that its program is to be promoted within the states by the existing youth groups until the state agencies are unified. A national Council of the Baptist Youth Fellowship is to be held every other year in conjunction with the N B C, and area conventions are recommended.

For governing body it will have a National Council of 78 delegates apportioned from every state and Standard City in the N B C area. Delegates must be 12 to 25, probably over 16, "a fair proportion" under 23, "an equitable division" between the sexes, and will represent "society-type organizations, organizations of missionary enterprise, and church schools."

To carry out its plans the National Council will elect its own Executive Board. It will be aided by an Advisory Board, to consist of the ex-officio officers (three) and the professional staff. This latter will include, beside an executive secretary, one full-time, paid, staff secretary for each of five departments: Missionary Education, Leadership Training, Personal Christian Development, Social Action, and Student Work.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship "shall replace the B Y P U of A as the national youth organization represented on the Council of Christian Education." It requests the formation within the C on C E of a Youth Committee of 7, 4 from the B Y F, 1 each from the A B P S, the B of E, and the N B C. It requires the C on C E to create a professional Young People's Staff. "Within this Staff shall be incorporated the secretariats and the activities thereof now existing under the Baptist Young People's Union of America, the American Baptist Publication Society and the Board of Education, which specifically operate in the field of youth work. These include the entire staff of the B Y P U of A, the Youth Division of the Department of Christian Education of the A B P S, the Executive Secretary of the W W G and the activities dealing with the Royal Ambassadors of the Department of Missionary Education of the Board of Education, and the Student Secretary of the Department of General Education of the Board of Education. The Young People's Staff as a whole shall be charged with the responsibility of cooperating actively with the A B P S and the B of E in related fields of work."

The Baptist Youth Fellowship will submit its budget request to the Finance Committee of the N B C. The A B P S and the B of E are "expected to contribute . . . for the maintenance of the Young People's Staff."

Hopes To Include All

Its prospectus looks ahead to a time when the Children's and Adult Departments of the A B P S and the B of E will be unified with the Young People's Staff into a complete Christian Education Staff, responsible to the C on C E—and when Directors of Christian Education and workers in the student program will also participate in a unified Christian Education Staff.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship shall cooperate with the N B C. It intends as well to cooperate with Youth Groups of other Baptist Conventions. It also proposes to cooperate as a denominational unit with interdenominational and non-church organizations, but without obligating its constituent groups except as they themselves concur.

Finally accomplished by this picked group in 4 days of concentrated 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. boning, this was no cut-and-dried puppet OK of a pre-arranged plan. Neither was it a spontaneous gesture of immature minds. It resulted from a decade of constructive hoping on the part of N B C leaders, a year of intensive meeting and planning by state as well as national leaders and weeks of studious preparation by delegates, supervisory committees, state B Y officers, W W G secretaries, etc.

Dr. Ben Graham, superintendent of schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., has announced that "they will grant two credits toward high school graduation or college entrance, to each high school student who will give three hours a week to religious instruction in his own church. "Attendance at Sunday school and morning worship will make up two of the three hours."

Among the students at Franklin College are 126 Baptists, 66 Methodists, 48 Christians, 40 Presbyterians, 16 Lutherans, 11 Congregationalists and 11 Catholics.

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Digest Month

Wm Park

TENNESSEE Baptists will keep Dr. John D. Freeman as executive secretary since he has reconsidered and withdrawn his resignation. Tennessee is one of the great Southern Baptist states, the home of the Tri-state Hospital and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Minnesota Baptist Ministers' Retreat was held recently at the First Church, Minneapolis, with Dr. Gordon Brownville, Tremont Temple, Boston, as the guest preacher. Dr. W. B. Riley, President of the Ministers' Retreat, spoke on "The Challenge of State Conditions." Other speakers were: Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Rev. R. Wilbur Babcock, A. F. Malmborg, E. A. Finstrom, G. Merrill Lenox and S. W. Powell, David Hamar, Wallace Olson, O. A. Look, M. H. Murk, Philip G. Murray, L. E. Peterson, Reuben E. Nelson, S. P. Anderson, James Baxter, Roy Preston, L. Prentice, John Pennington, E. W. Volkenant, Edward L. Pearson, R. V. Clearwaters, M. O. Wolfe and Ralph Purdy.

New building programs are launched in Omaha, Nebr., by two great churches. The Kountze Memorial Lutheran church has launched a campaign to raise $100,000 for educational purposes, enlarging their building and other improvements. The Dundee Presbyterian church is raising $250,000 for additional buildings. Their present plant is valued at more than $250,000. The present building has not been large enough for Sunday school or worship since Dr. Rowsey became pastor.

The National W.C.T.U. believes in turning the light of scientific truth upon the liquor traffic. $700,000 has been raised for promoting scientific temperance education.

Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary for Latin America under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention, with Mrs. Taylor, landed safely at Valparaiso, Chile. In reporting their safe arrival, they told of the arrival of a new daughter to Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Southern Baptist missionaries at Santiago, Chile.

Some Southern Methodists are as determined as Primitive Baptists. There has been organized the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Columbia, S. C. 400 delegates representing congregations which refused to go into the united Methodist Church formed the organization.

The United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, announce that Mrs. R. A. Doan, from Tokyo, Japan, has become the new vice-president. In addition to her regular duties Mrs. Doan will carry the administrative responsibilities of the Latin American missions. Mrs. Doan, while in Japan, was associated for two years in the work of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa. She was also educational missionary in Akita and Tokyo.

The Indiana Pastors' Conference this year had as special speakers Mrs. Jean Beaven Abernathy, Dr. Georgia Harkness, Dr. Leslie B. Moss, Bishop Titus Lawe and Dr. Alexander Paul.

Forty years of service in one city is quite a record. Such is the record of service in Chicago by Dr. Herbert L. Willett, pastor of the Kenilworth Union Church; Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, pastor of the University Church of Disciples; Dr. Charles G. Kindred, pastor of the Englewood Christian church; and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century. These men were recently honored by the Disciples ministers and their wives at a breakfast at Marshall Field's. Dr. Orvis F. Jordan, pastor of the Ridge Park Community Church, delivered the address.

"The Family, the World's Smallest Democracy," was the special theme of this year's midwinter exposition held in Rochester, N. Y., under the auspices of the Council of Church Women, Mrs. Irving L. Walker, executive secretary. "The various forces affecting the life of the family were portrayed in terms of economics, getting and spending money; protection, that the community affords; health, education; culture." This was the third annual meeting of this kind.

Another Jew renders great service. Mr. Caesar Cone, Greensboro, N. C., gave $65,000 for a Negro Y.M.C.A. building. It was given in honor of two Negroes who worked for him 38 years and has just been dedicated to the advancement of Negro life in Greensboro.

During February the appeal is being made by the Lutheran churches of America for a special fund of $500,000 to aid foreign missions, relieve Lutheran refugees and render assistance to the distress Lutherans in Europe, especially Finland, which is predominantly Lutheran. The 4,000,000 Lutherans of this country are a great spiritual force. $125,000 of this fund will be used for their foreign mission work in East Africa, New Guinea, China and Palestine.

The Louisiana Baptists report a great convention with more than 1,000 registered messengers. The churches report more than 10,000 baptisms during the year. Dodd College, led by Dr. M. E. Dodd is in a campaign to raise $60,000 for a Physical Education and Health building. A committee has been appointed to select a president for the college.

The United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs which has been raising funds for Jewish relief and reconstruction work has given $250,000 to Christian Refugees. One-half of it will be "available to Pope Pius XII for aid to Catholics and the other half will be distributed among Protestant agencies under the direction of Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches." In making the gift it was stated: "We realize that the problem of the refugee is by no means a Jewish one, but that it includes members of all faiths who have suffered most cruelly from the tyranny of those governments whose programs are foreign to American thought and the American way of life."

The Board of Directors of Winona Lake School of Theology, announce the selection of Dr. J. A. Huffman to succeed Dr. William E. Biederwolf, president, recently deceased. Dr. Huffman served as dean for 12 years and was closely associated with Dr. Biederwolf.

Dr. Edward Shillito, London, reporting in The Christian Century says that "twenty-five years ago Dr. Albert Schweitzer was technically an 'alien enemy' working in French Equatorial Africa. Though still an Alsatian he is now a French subject and he with his Swiss, Hungarian and Dutch helpers is carrying on his work. But the war does not leave him untouched; it is very difficult to get medical supplies and the French mobilization is very thoroughgoing."

The Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas is changing its headquarters from New York City to Washington, D. C. Archbishop Spyrou Athenagoras, head of the North and South American branches of this organization, has arrived in Washington, set up temporary headquarters and announces that they expect to erect a great cathedral in the nation's capitol.

The Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president, announces that during the last 22 years Baptists have grown in that city from 1,242 to 9,434, and believes that large credit is due the Bible Institute for this splendid record. Speaking of educational institutions, it is interesting to note that of "the first 119 colleges founded east of the Mississippi river, 104 were church schools." Again: There are 131 ministerial students in Oklahoma Baptist University.

The four-year task of revising, for the first time in 190 years, the Douay-Rheims version of the New Testament for English-speaking Roman Catholics has been completed and this year the work will be published. The work was done by a committee of 20 biblical scholars, headed by Most Rev. V. O'Hara, bishop of Kansas City. The committee's purpose was to modernize the language of the Douay-Rheims version without altering essential meaning.

Radio station XEAW, broadcasting with 100,000 watts power at 960 kilocycles, Dallas, Texas, is now broadcasting the sermons of Dr. George W. Truett of Texas every Sunday night at 9:15 central standard time.

The state secretaries of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska, spent two days in Minneapolis talking, praying, planning and considering Baptist work and enterprises. When state secretaries get together all Baptist work is promoted.

Book Month

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THE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Remaking Life. By Albert W. Beaven. Cokesbury, 1940. Pp. 237. $2.00.

Dr. Beaven's books which have been of a very practical and practicable nature have helped many pastors to improve the efficiency of the work of the local church. Personally, I have adapted and adopted many ideas which I received from his previous books.

This book, Remaking Life, is timely indeed and certainly will prove of value to ministers who are eager to have their churches grow in power and in service in this day of so much confusion and such great difficulties, some of them national in scope.

The church must accept and follow through with vigor and faith its mission to change the lives of individuals. Without this objective and achievement the church will lose her power. The specific mission of the church in this regard is to persuade the individual to become a cooperator with God, thus realizing his own God-given powers and also at the same time helping to get the will of God done on the earth.

This high challenge to the Christian church is treated in six chapters, material in which was given in large part in the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University in April, 1939. The chapters follow: Building a Strong Church for a Hard World, Quality Christianity Rests Upon the Power to Remake Lives, Can We Change Life? The Pulpit and the Life-Changing Process, Remaking Life through Fellowship, and The Christian Cause, and Its Demand for Great Living.

This book is chosen as the book-of-the-month because it is regarded of supreme value for ministers and churches that have lost power in doing the work of the church and because it will prove suggestive and helpful to improve the work of ministers and churches that are now devoted to the main objective of changing lives.

The World's Great Religious Poetry. Compiled by Caroline Miles Hill, Ph. D. Macmillan. 1939. Pp. 836. $1.69.

This is an anthology of over seven hundred poems by famous writers, perhaps a few of them not so famous, but their poems included here are great. These poems of religious implications have come from all centuries and nations.

The poems are classified under twelve general headings as Inspiration, The Search after God, The Existence and Idea of God, Faith, God in Nature, God in the Life of Man, Prayers, Worship, Comfort in Sorrow, Conduct of Life, Death and Immortality, and The Nature of the Future Life. Each general heading calls for further classification of the poems under it as, for example, under Conduct of Life are given the subclassifications as follows: (a) Personal Self-Control, Work, Humility, Opportunity, Loyalty to Your Best Self, Loyalty to Duty, Creeds, and (b) Social—God in All Great Movements — Social Struggle, National Affairs, and International Affairs.

There are three excellent indices: Titles, Authors, and First Lines. This is an excellent reference book and source book of materials for the writer, speaker, student, teacher, and especially for the preacher.

Suffering Human and Divine. By H. Wheeler Robinson. Macmillan. 1939. Pp. 230. $2.00.

For many years I had it in my mind that only people who had suffered much and in addition were rather old could appreciate a real study of suffering and its place in human life and I had almost thought it impossible to harmonize suffering with any plan whatsoever of a loving God. But suffering is a part of human life. God is concerned with human life, all of it. Recently I learned from an experiment with a group of young people from 18 to 25 years of age that they can be greatly interested in suffering from the philosophical or theological point of view. The teacher in question used the books by Weatherhead and Stanley Jones. I wish she had had this book by Robinson too.

This book is one of that important series on Great Issues of Life. Others are The Eternal Gospel by Rufus M. Jones, Christianity and Economics by Sir Josiah Stamp, The Contemporary Christ by Rev. Richard Roberts, A Testament of Faith by Dr. P. G. S. Hopwood. Others are to appear, namely, Immortality by Professor Eugene Lyman, The Bible by Professor James Moffatt, God by Robert Calhoun, and Jesus Christ by Dr. C. H. Dodd. Still others in the series are to be announced later.

This book is divided into twelve chapters: The Fact of Suffering, Some Explanations of Suffering, The Problem of Suffering in the Old Testament, The Individual and The Society, Suffering and Sin, Providence and Nature, Providence and History, Providence and the Individual, The Suffering of God, Redemption by Divine Suffering, The Fellowship of Suffering, Human and Divine, Solvitur Patiendo (It is solved by suffering).

Brought up in a great literary tradition Dr. Robinson opens his discussion by stating that Shakespear's 'King Lear' suggests that spiritual is more intense than physical suffering, that suffering may be a consequence of moral evil, and that suffering can be transformed from an evil to a good. "The explanations of suffering which we habitually hold will affect our personal reaction to the actual experience of it".

Two chapters are worth much more than the price put upon this book: The Suffering of God and Redemption by Divine Suffering. Never before reading these two chapters have I seen so clearly a rational and an inspiring explanation of how God could suffer, how his holiness is related to his justice on the one hand and his mercy and grace on the other. But the relationships are made clear here.

Would that every one of my fellow Baptist ministers would study this book! Dr. Robinson is principal of our Baptist college, Regents Park College, now connected with Oxford University. Reading such would, I believe, save one from substituting any one or all of the man-made theories of the atonement for the atonement itself, even the much advertised substitutionary theory or transaction theory of the death of Jesus would be seen as wholly inadequate to explain what God has done for man in His suffering. Let me tell you that reading the chapter on The Fellowship of Suffering will point the way to a rational, love-driven plan of personal training with reference both to the capacity and the ability in regard to this little understood fellowship.

The Art of Group Worship. By Robert Seneca Smith. Abingdon. 1938. Pp. 105. 50c.

Robert Seneca Smith is Professor of Christian Nurture in the Yale University Divinity School.

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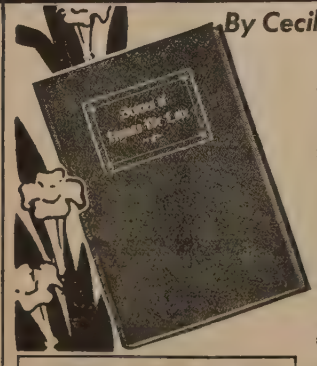

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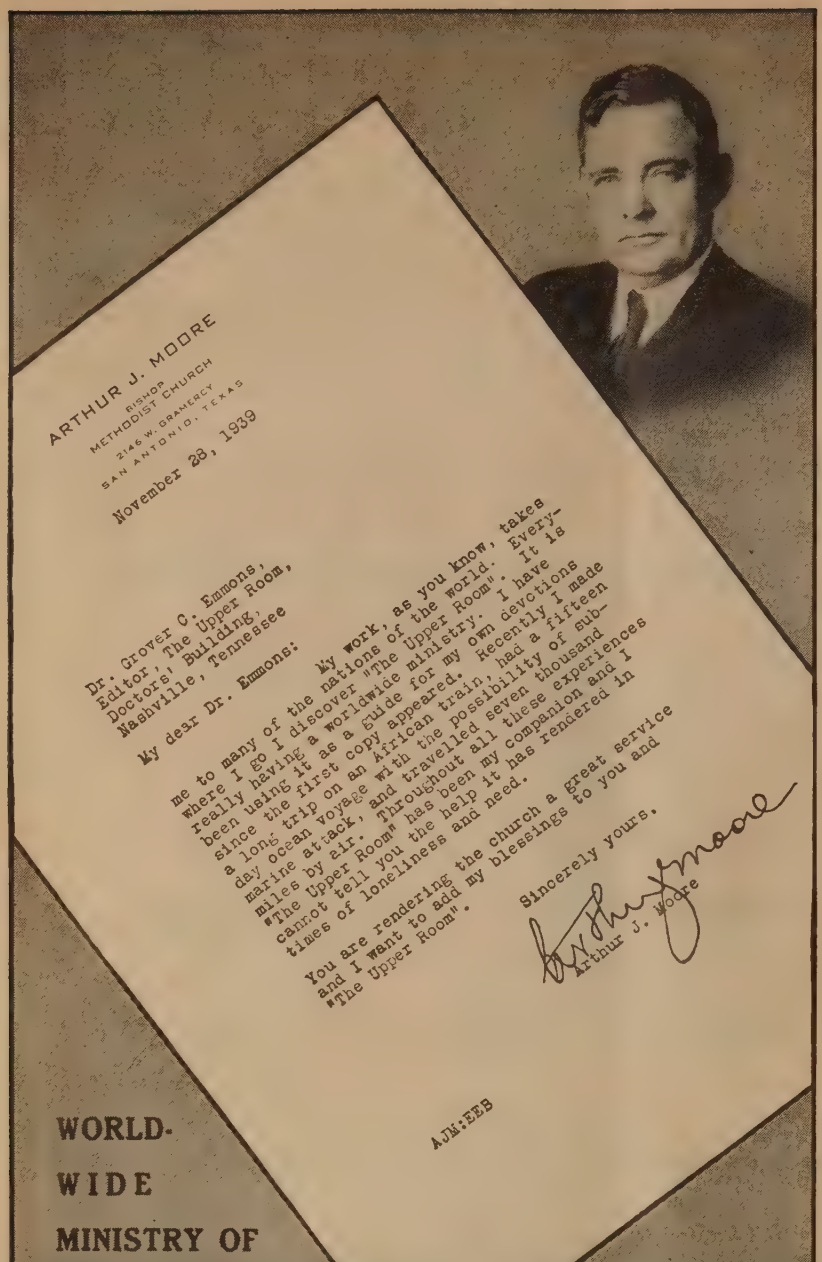
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In his book "Christ and Human Suffering" E. Stanley Jones tells that there is a bird in India which is called "the brain fever bird." In the terribly hot days and night when the thermometer is rising to almost unbearable heights this bird's shrill notes rise with it. It cries "brain fever, brain fever, brain fever" until it is enough to drive one mad to listen to it. "It was on the point of getting on my nerves one day," says Dr. Jones, "when I forever overcame it by making it sing a new song. I interpreted its song as "hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah." When life shouts to us with its shrill 'brain fever' notes we can put them through the victory of our spirit and turn them back as hallelujahs."

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Gideon was saluted by the Lord's angel as "a mighty man of valour." I wonder if Gideon today would not have to be a superman.

The Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga., says, "Many Baptists would like to see the emphasis shifted from the business management of a church to preaching in denominational life. Churches can do much toward this end by supporting good preaching and the schools and seminaries can do much by training and inspiring students toward great preaching."

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m not willing to agree that this alone is onclusive evidence that there is a wa- g interest in missions. However, when compare the ever-increasing sums nt each year for pleasures and luxuries h missionary contributions, we are ced to admit that other interests are en the primacy in the life of the aver- Christian layman.

t is my opinion that an improvement this condition may be had by (1) thful preaching designed to convince that the Great Commission is still the mmand of our Saviour, and (2) by noring in our state and national assem- es the missionaries at home on fur- igh, giving them important speaking gagements with the object of impress- g on laymen the results of faithful obe- ence to the divine call and the great ed for more laborers.

Everyone is challenged by the giving life on the altar of service. The con- cration of life cannot fail to bring the sired response in providing necessary d adequate offerings. The testimony the missionary supplemented by the peal of the pastors will not be wasted the heart of laymen when they are minded in the right manner that God as been teaching His great missionary rogram to the world since the dawn of story.

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